

# Writing Your Draft of a Story



<b>1. Use your Quick Sketch and your Quick Notes.</b>	Review your plan and your notes—use them for organization.
<b>2. Create variety in your sentences.</b>	Variety in length! Variety in kinds! Variety in the way they start!
<b>3. Include action verbs.</b>	Stories need action. Show action with your verbs. Examples: devoured, hugged, snapped, joined, served, applauded.
<b>4. Indent and start new paragraphs to show action and change.</b>	Stories have lots of paragraphs—short and long. Start a new paragraph when the action changes. When using dialogue, start a new paragraph each time someone different speaks.  <i>(continued)</i>